

REMARKS

Claims 1-33, are currently pending in the above-identified application. Applicant has hereinabove canceled claims 3-6, 8, 14-16, 21, and 25-26 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in another application. In addition, applicant has amended claims 1,7,12,13,17,18, and 22-24. Applicant maintains that this Amendment raises no issue of new matter. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 2-8 and 14-15. Support for the amendments to claims 12 and 13 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 13, lines 20-25. Support for the amendments to claim 17 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 14 lines 19-33 and 34-35; page 10, lines 12-17; page 23, lines 7-15; page 27, lines 19-31; page 29, line 34 to page 30, line 7; and in Figure 3e. Support for the amendments to claim 18 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 17, line 35 and page 14, line 34 to page 15, line 2. Support for the amendments to claims 22-24 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 20, lines 18-27. Support for new claim 34 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 2-8, and page 9, lines 7-15. Support for new claim 35 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 2-8; page 14 lines 19-33 and 34-35; page 23, lines 7-15; page 27, lines 19-31; page 29, line 34 to page 30, line 7; and in Figure 3e. Support for new claim 36 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 2-8; page 14 lines 19-33 and 34-35; page 9, lines 4-16; page 10, lines 12-17; page 23, lines 7-15; page 27, lines 19-31; page 29, line 34 to page 30, line 7; and in Figure 3e. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1,2,7,9-13,17-20,22-24,and 27-36 will be pending.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, apart from the enclosed \$129.00 claim fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Second Preliminary Amendment. If any such fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.


Respectfully submitted,



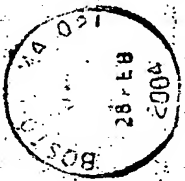
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